

## PROCLAMATION **GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS) DAY**NOVEMBER 19, 2003

WHEREAS, National Geography Week is November 16-22, 2003, and National Geographic Information System Day is November 19, 2003; and

WHEREAS, Geography Awareness Week promotes geographic literacy in schools; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans know the value of using new technologies to enhance its agricultural, ranching, oil and gas, mining and business production; and

WHEREAS, the management, use and exchange of geographic information are essential for effective decision making by private industry and government organizations; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans are presently using Geographic Information Systems (GIS); and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as the Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim November 19, 2003, **GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS) DAY** in the State of North Dakota.

/s/ John Hoeven Governor

Attest:

/s/ Alvin A. Jaeger Secretary of State